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Subject: Mike Horse Repository Site Issue

Dear Governor,

You may not remember me, but my name is Dr. Brian Sholder, who commuted weekly from Lincoln Montana to my dental practice in Los Angeles. We had several political discussions in Delta's Crown Room while we waited for our connecting flights. I enjoyed them; and have always thought your political views were reasonable. I am retired now and live full-time in Lincoln. I became a member of the Blackfoot Valley Community Council recently and have been actively involved with the Mike Horse Repository Issue.

On behalf of the Blackfoot Valley Community Council, we would like to request an emergency meeting and an open discussion regarding the proposed repository for the Mike Horse Mine clean-up. The citizens of Lincoln and the Blackfoot Valley are very aware that the Mike Horse Mine waste must be contained permanently to prevent future threats to the Blackfoot River and protect the health and welfare of the citizens of Lincoln and the Blackfoot Valley Community. We are aware that the Forest Service has worked diligently in diverting a disaster from happening this past Spring and we commend and thank you for this. We are also aware that time is of the essence. We understand the importance of this project and do not want to see delays and have it end up in court with large legal costs. However, the Blackfoot Valley Community Council, the citizens of Lincoln and the Blackfoot Valley are not on board with the proposed plan. The recommended alternative on section 35 will have a terrible effect on the many families living near this site and is simply too close to the Blackfoot River and tributaries.

The Blackfoot Valley Community Council was promised back in May 2011 that we would receive a formal report from the DEQ and Forest Service. . This complex report was not released to us until the last week of September 2011. We were also promised by the Forest Service, that they would present this report in a forum that we could understand and have open discussions on the proposed site. The meeting on Tuesday 10-4-2011 from 4-7 pm by the Forest Service was not conducted in an open public forum as promised, but instead involved private individual discussions, followed by a comment period without answering our questions directly. This has angered the citizens of Lincoln and the Black foot Valley and will only create delays. I would like to propose that the format of the emergency meeting be held in open format similar to the Tuesday 10-11-2011 meeting that the Forest Service and the DEQ held, while lobbying the support from the board of directors of the Blackfoot Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited. This open discussion was rather helpful in deciphering this complex report. Let us set a date and sit down with total transparency, and get the Blackfoot Valley Community Council, the citizens of Lincoln and the Blackfoot Valley on board with a plan.

Sincerely,

Brian Sholder DDS

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Member of the Blackfoot Valley Community Council _____

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